

# The Sydney Morning Herald.

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## SUMMARY.

The naval estimates have been introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Mr. Churchill declares that if Germany goes additional warship construction, Britain will make a corresponding reduction.

The bodies of several who perished in the disaster have been washed ashore at Sydney.

The P. & O. Company state that seven seafarers and three of the European crew are missing.

The "Full Mail Gazette" demands a rigid investigation of the alleged bad behaviour of sailors after the collision.

A hundred colliers at Burton raised a cargo of coal vans, which they overturned, and made up to suit Australian requirements.

Mr. Asquith stated in the Commons on Monday that he intended introducing the Naval War Bill the following day.

Business is reported to be in a state of stagnation in many parts of the United States.

The inactivity, according to reports, is said to be due to a pre-election feeling.

Nearly hundred London taxi-cab drivers have given their employers notice of their waiting allowance.

The students at the Grammar Schools in Crete, Dalmatia, and Bosnia, struck because a company was injured by the police.

Mr. Purcell, Lord Mayor of Dublin, is claiming arrears of salary, which was reduced from £1000 to £100.

A locomotive boiler exploded in a shed at the Royal Mint, killing five free labourers in the explosion.

Fourty-one bodies were recovered, but they were so mangled that identification was impossible.

An American Judge received an informal message through the post, but it failed to reach him.

Sydney has informed the Powers of the minimum as the basis of peace negotiations.

In addressing a Irish gathering in Boston on St. Patrick's Day, President Taft paid tribute to Ireland.

He said, who showed adaptability better than the Irish.

The Government is becoming an American institution.

Mr. Fisher thinks that if Australia and New Zealand had a common defence scheme there would be drawn closer together.

The Defence Department is sparing no effort to make better arrangements for the future protection of citizens.

The P.M.R. Armand Behic, due to arrive at Sydney from Marseilles, in running a little late.

This is due to the vessel having been ordered to transport French subjects from a bombed town to Aden.

The Government Statisticians of the various states commenced yesterday at the Census Office.

Trade members of trade-unions will be allowed to participate in the next Brisbane Day sports.

This is because some members of athletic and cycling clubs are as special constables during the recent strike.

The workers committee heard further evidence respecting the State brickworks at Ipswich Bay yesterday.

A government engineer declared that the bricks produced at the works were better than those others on the market.

Aging-Hall visited the Aurora in Sydney on Monday, and was shown the Anti-social chara.

These charts are the results of soundings when along the unknown coast of the Antarctic.

Twenty imported American locomotives and four English engines, all recently ordered, are now in commission in Victoria.

The Excelsior Woollen Mills, Geelong, owned by Godfrey, First, and Co., were destroyed by fire.

The buildings and machinery were insured for £1000.

A steam trawler is to be purchased by the Government to operate in Sharks Bay, Western Australia.

The object of the Government is to supply the public with fish at a reasonable price.

The Canning River, Western Australia, is to be locked in order to irrigate lands in its vicinity for dairying purposes.

The cricket controversy was continued at the meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association yesterday.

Letters furnished to the Reents Committee yesterday showed that the cost of building had increased considerably of late.

The increase in the wholesale price of enterprize indicated many retailers to add the price of the 1/- plate to 1/-.

The heaviest frosts have yet caught in the State was caught in Centennial Park yesterday.

It weighed 55lb. does, and was 40 in long and 10 in girth.

The body of John Ross, an Italian, was found floating near Tarpe with a gun wound in the head.

The Singer Sewing Machine, was found at the Water Court yesterday, and recovered this morning.

Citizens in Sydney are disappointed that Labor has rejected the Labour Council's settlement.

They maintain that if the council's advice in these matters is not accepted it is serving a useful purpose.

It is generally understood in political circles that new appointments will shortly be made to the Legislative Council.

On Saturday next the people of Sydney will have an opportunity of seeing the first fruits of our colony's training.

The metropolitan, naval and naval cadets, about 15,000 strong, will be reviewed by Lord Kitchener in Centennial Park yesterday.

Mr. Griffith is out-of-town at Circular Quay as he is staying at a considerable expense.

He is to attend a meeting of persons yesterday.

His C.M.C. Committee has decided to at present provide increased accommodation for Chinese immigrants.

An address at the Royal Hotel, at Circular Quay, is to be issued to Chinese immigrants.

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F. J. GOW, Esq., Merchant, O'Connell-street, Sydney.

W. C. DOUGLASS, Esq., Merchant, Liverpool-street, Sydney.

ARTHUR RICKARD, Esq., Managing Director for Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., Pitt-street, Sydney.

### Auditors.

Messrs. ROBERTSON, RUDDER, and CO., Pitt-street, Sydney.

### Architect.

GEORGE SYDNEY JONES, Esq., Pitt-street.

### Solicitor.

WILLIAM ARNOTT, Esq., 94 Pitt-street.

### Bankers.

THE UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA, LTD.

### Secretary.

T. CORBETT, F.A.L.A., Pitt-street, Sydney.

### Objects of the Company.

The Company is being formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Belmore Building Syndicate, Limited, the lease of a block of land, being portion of the Old Belmore Market Site, opposite Belmore Park and the Central Railway Station, and having frontages of about 176 feet to Pitt-street, 100 feet to Hay-street, and 100 feet to Campbell-street, on which it is proposed to build 16 Shops and also to erect a first-class up-to-date Hotel.

The Lease of the Land, which is owned by the City Council, will be for the unexpired portion of the term of fifty years from the 1st October, 1910, and will be subject to ground rent of £1700 per annum and Rates and Taxes.

The plans, which have been prepared, provide for:—  
(1) An up-to-date Hotel, having large and commodious Drawing, Sitting, Billiard, and Smoke Rooms, Restaurant, and 264 Bedrooms, to accommodate 400 persons; (2) 16 Large, well-lighted Shops, 10 fronting Pitt-street, 2 fronting Hay-street, and 4 fronting Campbell-street.

The site for Hotel purposes is such as may fairly be termed the "Bull's Eye" of the City, and one which must command itself from a commercial point of view, being right opposite to the Central Railway Station, and being well served with trams to all other parts of the City. The Hotel, having frontages to three streets, will have magnificent ventilation and natural light.

It is proposed to spend £50,000 on the buildings, and this estimate will allow of the Hotel being provided with the most modern developments which make for comfort in the structural design and the furnishings.

The plans have been drawn so that an additional storey can be added without any extra expense in structural alterations to the walls and steel supports. The extra storey would provide an additional ninety rooms.

The roof will be so designed that it may be utilised as a roof garden, a pleasurable adjunct to an Hotel during the summer season.

In addition to the accommodation for guests, the Restaurant will cater for the general public, and it is confidently expected that a large number of passengers by the Railway will become patrons.

Sydney has progressed so rapidly that it is acknowledged on every side that the existing Hotels cannot cope with the demand for accommodation, especially at those times when there is a large influx of visitors from the country districts. Although the population of Sydney has increased by over 150,000 during the last ten years, no new hotels worth mentioning have been erected during the last twenty years.

The Shops being contiguous to the Hotel should show good returns and attract a good class of tenant.

Most of the Shops are already let on lease to substantial tenants, and when they are all let, it is estimated that the rentals will total £85 per week from the shops alone.

Offers have been received from persons wishing to lease the Hotel, but in view of the good prospects of success, the Directors consider that it will be more profitable for the Company to carry on the business.

The sum of £29,000 has been fixed on mortgage on advantageous terms, and provision will be made in the Articles of Association that this amount shall not be increased; and, further, that no higher dividend than 10 per cent. shall be declared on any share until the mortgage is entirely paid off.

It is estimated that the profits from the Restaurant alone will cover the costs of the Hotel staff.

The estimated income is as under:

Revenue from Bedrooms, allowing the Hotel to be only half full on the average .....	£9,125
Rent from Shops .....	4,200

The extra return from Bedrooms at busy times is not taken into consideration, nor has any estimate been made of the profits to be derived from the Bar.

The estimated outgoings are:—

Ground Rent .....	£1,700
Rates and Taxes, say .....	1,250
Insurance .....	400
Directors' Fees, etc. ....	400
Office Management, etc. ....	500
Renewals, depreciation, and repairs .....	1,000
Sinking Fund .....	500
Interest on Mortgage .....	1,450
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Leaving a balance of .....	£6,345

and to pay the Dividends on the Preference Shares and Ordinary Shares.

The Directors of the Company will apply to the Stock Exchange for official quotations for the Preference Shares.

Application for Shares may be made through any member of the Sydney Stock Exchange, or may be lodged with the Union Bank or any of its branches. Prospectus may be obtained from any member of the Stock Exchange, or from the offices of Arthur Rickard and Co., Pitt-street.

The Company will be registered when 25,000 Preference Shares have been applied for.

The following contracts have been entered into for or on behalf of the Company or its Promoters.

- (1) Agreement for sale of lease dated 15th day of March 1912, between the Belmore Building Syndicate, Limited, and Theophilus Corbett, on behalf of the Company.
- (2) Agreement for underwriting dated 15th March, 1912, between Arthur Rickard and Co., Limited, and The Belmore Building Syndicate, Limited.

These Contracts can be seen at the offices of the Company's Solicitors.

### Form of Application for Shares.

To the Directors of the  
CENTRAL RAILWAY PALACE BUILDINGS, LIMITED.  
(To be incorporated Under the Companies Act, 1899, of New South Wales.)

Gentlemen.—  
I hereby request you to allot me ..... Preference Shares of £1 each in the above Company.

I enclose cheque for £ ..... being the deposit of 2/6 per share on application and agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to me, in accordance with the terms of the Company's Prospectus, and to pay the balance unpaid in respect of the Shares so allotted, as provided by the said Prospectus, and I agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and request and authorise you to place my name on the Register of Members for the Shares to be allotted to me.

NAME IN FULL .....

ADDRESS IN FULL .....

PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION .....

DATE .....

USUAL SIGNATURE .....

### COUNTRY NEWS.

#### SOUTH COAST.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.  
William Shipp, an old resident of the Hill, warns district, died on Sunday, aged 70. He was one of the first employees of the Mount Keira colliery.

#### RAILWAY REQUIREMENTS.

FORRES, Tuesday.

In reference to the Forres-Stockton line, the Minister for Works has informed Mr. McLean that a mile of railway has been permanently staked at the Forres end. It is premature at present to make a start with the earthworks. Tenders for the steel bridge over the river will be invited on March 26, and the Minister estimates that by that date at least 10 miles of plant and section for the railway will be available, and a beginning will be made.

At Her Majesty's Theatre, "The Quaker Girl" continues to play with unabated vigour, and the fourth matinee will be ready by the time the steelwork is forthcoming. In the meantime the plant and staff will be ready.

#### THE CHURCHES.

BOMBARA, Tuesday.  
The banner held in aid of the Red Cross Fund was remitted in over £70 being raised for that institution.

#### BATHURST, Tuesday.

The teachers of All Saints' Church, Bathurst, presented with a letter, photo, case, and certain personal effects given to them by Mrs. Marriott with a letter, photo, case, and certain personal effects given to them by Mrs. Marriott.

Miss Rosalie Mugridge was presented with a Bible by the teachers and scholars of Stewart-street Sunday-school.

#### TRUNDRE, Tuesday.

The annual bell in aid of the Roman Catholic Church, last night, was largely attended.

#### MUNICIPAL.

MUDGEES, Tuesday.  
Messrs. Robert Jones, ex-M.L.A. and J. Mayr, have been elected unopposed to Mudgee Council in place of Mr. J. K. Keegan (late Mayor) and W. J. Neethorpe.

#### MANILLA, Tuesday.

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council, last night, to deal with the water and lighting requirements, after 22 electric lights were agreed to. It was decided to initiate applications from consulting engineers regarding the water supply, and to report the services of an officer to make a report as to a water supply. Alderman Stoddart and Mackellar were appointed to visit Dungog and report on the system of water and light in operation there.

#### NOWRA, Tuesday.

The estimates of the Board of Works Commissioners with regard to the uptake of the William Anderson men at the Belmore brigades were severely criticised by the members of the council, who submitted a statement which alleged that the estimates were overloaded, that a charge was entered for horses, while the station had been closed, but the horses were not used, and that the Public Works Department had a deficiency in former accounts had been wrongly placed in the estimates. As the amount had been paid off, the clerk was instructed to make amends with the Commissioners on that subject.

#### BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

William Oliver was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a mattress, a chair, and a lamp from the White Cliffs Inn. The solicitor for the defence said £3 had been sent to a man at White Cliffs who could prove the accused had mingled horror and amazement. Walter Baker gives a spirited impersonation of the Rev. John St. John, and the audience is asked to hideous fogging is one of the most dramatic scenes of the drama. Miss Frances Ross and other actors of the American Company are in the round production. The season ends on Friday week.

#### HARROW, Tuesday.

The School of Arts committee formed a Musical and Dramatic Club. The following officers were elected: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. E. Moore; Hon. manager, Mr. W. Tweedie; musical director, Mr. C. Davidson; librarian, Mr. T. E. Cusack.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on the show ground. There was a good attendance.

#### GRAFTON, Tuesday.

A coroner's inquest was held to-day concerning the death of Mr. Bert Bailey, who had a leg cut off through becoming entangled in a wire hawser whilst the steamer Kyrof was berthed at South Grafton, and subsequently from shock. A finding of accidental death was returned.

Most of the savages on the railway works who struck work last week have resumed.

#### LYNN, Tuesday.

The Inglesby Council held a day of prayer to induce the Government to extend the Sydenham-Bankstown railway so as to include the Belmore Park area, situated just north-east of Campbelltown, and to co-operate with municipal bodies interested.

The suggestion has been favourably received by the Mittagong and Campbelltown councils.

Through the efforts of Mr. Downes, M.L.A., Parkes has been granted £200 for improvements in the new Liverpool Park.

#### NEVERTIR, Tuesday.

A branch of the Royal British and Reform Association has been formed, with Mr. Thomas Tyers as president.

#### QUEANBYAN, Tuesday.

Prior to his departure for Melbourne, Mr. T. E. Morris, managing director of the Queen's Theatre, Queen's Wharf, was presented with two pins, tobacco pouch, knife, and set of gold sleeve-links by the railway staff. Mr. H. McGannett made the presentation.

#### TRUNDRE, Tuesday.

Sports were held yesterday in aid of the school of arts. There was a small attendance.

#### WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

Mr. W. E. Peake, accountant at the Bank of New South Wales, has been promoted to a position of greater responsibility. His last night was last night presented by friends with a hamper.

#### WEST WYALONG, Tuesday.

The Minister for Lands, Mr. Beechey, has visited the West Wyalong Public School and was shown the unsatisfactory condition of the building. He promised to confer with the Minister for Education on the subject, with a view to the early construction of a building which would be suitable for the school.

#### YARRA, Tuesday.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on Monday by sports in Victoria Park, and a concert and address in great crowds.

Sports reported:—One male bicycle race: 1. N. Moodie, 1. H. R. Townsend, 2: C. Conn, 3: G. Williams, 4: J. L. Jackson, 5: J. C. Hart, 6: J. Hart, 7: J. Hart, 8: J. Hart, 9: J. Hart, 10: J. Hart, 11: J. Hart, 12: J. Hart, 13: J. Hart, 14: J. Hart, 15: J. Hart, 16: J. Hart, 17: J. Hart, 18: J. Hart, 19: J. Hart, 20: J. Hart, 21: J. Hart, 22: J. Hart, 23: J. Hart, 24: J. Hart, 25: J. Hart, 26: J. Hart, 27: J. Hart, 28: J. Hart, 29: J. Hart, 30: J. Hart, 31: J. Hart, 32: J. Hart, 33: J. Hart, 34: J. Hart, 35: J. Hart, 36: J. Hart, 37: J. Hart, 38: J. Hart, 39: J. Hart, 40: J. Hart, 41: J. Hart, 42: J. Hart, 43: J. Hart, 44: J. Hart, 45: J. Hart, 46: J. Hart, 47: J. Hart, 48: J. Hart, 49: J. Hart, 50: J. Hart, 51: J. Hart, 52: J. Hart, 53: J. Hart, 54: J. Hart, 55: J. Hart, 56: J. Hart, 57: J. Hart, 58: J. Hart, 59: J. Hart, 60: J. Hart, 61: J. Hart, 62: J. Hart, 63: J. Hart, 64: J. Hart, 65: J. Hart, 66: J. Hart, 67: J. Hart, 68: J. Hart, 69: J. Hart, 70: J. Hart, 71: J. Hart, 72: J. Hart, 73: J. Hart, 74: J. Hart, 75: J. Hart, 76: J. Hart, 77: J. Hart, 78: J. Hart, 79: J. Hart, 80: J. Hart,

## LAW REPORT.

## BANCO COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Fing and a jury of four.  
"May v McHugh."

On the application of Mr. John A. Ferguson (Mr. J. H. McLaughlin consenting) this case was postponed until next sittings.

## INJURED BY A BRICK.

Gibson v Maston and another.

Mr. W. A. Walker, instructed by Messrs. Perkins, Stevens & Co., appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. McLaughlin for the defendant.

The plaintiff brought an action against Alexander Dug Gibson, to recover damages for an injury sustained by him in consequence of the negligence of the defendants, or their servants. Mr. Walker explained that the only question the jury were asked to decide was whether compensation was to be awarded, because defendants' solicitors had written to the solicitors for the plaintiff admitting liability, and asking for the assessment of damages to be left to the jury.

The plaintiff carried on business in Clarence-street, his premises abutting on the corner of the Bourke and George streets. On January 3 last, while he was standing outside his shop, a brick fell, striking the plaintiff in the head, and laying open a portion of the flesh. He was rendered unconscious, and in that state was conveyed to the hospital, where it is stated he remained for a week. A week ago yesterday he was confined to his bed, and was unable to attend to his business for a month.

The jury assessed the compensation to which the plaintiff was entitled in respect to the time he was confined to his bed, and was unable to attend to his business for a month. The application was granted.

complaint of certain property at Newcaste, which he controlled, the application of the Intercolonial railway, brought by Sydney and Rydeham. Plaintiff's claim was appurposed as follows:—For the amount of plaintiff in respect of the resumption of plaintiff's business premises, £200; amount of value of plaintiff's share of the premises, £100; amount of plaintiff's share of the expenses, £10; amount of plaintiff's share of the rent, £10; amount of plaintiff's share of the expenses for the sale, £10. The premises were situated at 63A King-street, Newcaste.

In the defence it was set out that a valuation of the estate and interest of the plaintiff had been duly made, and the plaintiff had been nothing more than a partner with the provisions of the Act that the amount of the proposed compensation was £500. Defendant held that the sum exceeded the amount of compensation to which the plaintiff was entitled in respect to the time the plaintiff was entitled to stand over for the production of further evidence.

The case stands part heard.

## IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

## MOTION TO REDUCE CAPITAL.

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BOXING.

The return match between Cyclone John Thompson and Jack Lester will be deferred until further notice. Lester has quite recovered from his recent indisposition, and as Thompson's injured right hand is now again an exciting contest should resume. The two men are well matched, and it would be somewhat in favour of Lester who will scale close on a couple of stones, however than his opponent.

The English team management has succeeded in arranging a match between Jimmy Clabby and Hughie McMeegan. The article provides that Clabby must win in the contest to be paid a substantial sum. The date assigned to the match is Wednesday, April 3. This will be in all probability Hughie McMeegan's last appearance in Australia prior to his departure for England.

Jack Ward, the English light-weight, was considerably interested in Peter McFarlane's return to the ring, and the boxer will be paid a substantial amount. All the leading English boxers are evidently heading for Australia Club at Philadelphia last January. The Englishman was apparently headed by the Chicago boxer's speed, and the young boxer could hardly hope to hold his own against the world's best.

The English team management will be held at the stadium on April 11 in order to raise funds for St. Vincent's Hospital. All the leading English boxers are evidently headed by the Chicago boxer's speed, and the young boxer could hardly hope to hold his own against the world's best.

Fixtures.

TROTTING AND PACING.

Each succeeding year the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales holds more

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Cricket: Ashes Chib: Friday, March 22, Dick Dorn; All Rounders: Saturday, March 23, Will Sneyd; &

Handball.

**THE TURF.**

**A WARNING TO FOUL RIDERS.**

Referring to the suspension of the Jockey, H. Gray, for alleged foul riding, the New Zealand "Times" says:—"The suspension of Hector Gray for 12 months by the stewards of the Dannevirke Racing Club caused something of a sensation in the turf world. There can be no doubt that a very large majority of horsemen and their clubs, and the public at large, were in favour of the action of the stewards, but stewards have either not noticed it, or else been unwilling to act, fearing that any racing they might have come to would be reversed by the appeal board. There is not much doubt, however, that the two decisions in the appeal board have done an infinite of harm to the turf in this direction. The Dannevirke stewards, however, have had the courage of their opinions. After the meeting in the Te Atatu Handicap they held a meeting, at which it was resolved that—"Having seen Gray's riding, and heard his explanation of what he did as far as that was concerned, we do not consider that he deserves to be suspended for 12 months."

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The Dannevirke racing season is over, for trotters and pacers, the principal contest being the Royal Handicap, trot or pace in harness for the substantial stake of \$110, for which the steeplechase, flat race, and harness, are enabled to view the race clearly and nose through a haze of dust which made things so disagreeable prior to off the turn. He did not increase that comfortable lead, nor did he get up and 2.

J. Rowley, Bonnie Doon's long driver, maintained his reputation by driving well over the mile, which each year delights the Sydney trotting, which is booked for Sydney in charge of R. Losby, and his stable mate, Mauritius, who is in all probability accompanying him. The entry for the steeplechase is now open, and the course of that opinion. After the meeting in the Te Atatu Handicap they held a meeting, at which it was resolved that—"Having seen Gray's riding, and heard his explanation of what he did as far as that was concerned, we do not consider that he deserves to be suspended for 12 months."

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BRITAIN'S STANDARD.

He was not prepared to recommend two weeks of war against Germany. "The time might be one when that would be necessary, but it was not necessary now. Then the changes in the European situation rendered the two powers standard inapplicable. The Admiralty's present standard, compared with Germany's, was a 50 per cent. superiority in battleships and dreadnoughts."

That would suffice, he said, if Germany did not alter her plans, as the pre-dreadnought ship decided in fighting value, the ratio would rise above the 60 per cent.

THE MINIMUM.

It appeared to be necessary to reconstruct our capital ships and three Dreadnoughts at least during the next six years. That was the least that was required to maintain our standard, and the Estimates were framed accordingly.

If Germany increased her construction he would move upon a higher ratio of superiority by building four additional battleships, spread over the six years.

We wished to make it clear that any reparation or reduction in German construction would meet with Britain's prompt response, contingent, that was, on the absence of dangers elsewhere.

"A YEAR'S HOLIDAY."

Speaking, he said, they both took a year's holiday—the three ships built in Germany in that period would save her £7,000,000, and she would automatically wipe out her potential British superiority.

Several bodies had been washed ashore at Oceania.

The "Full Mail Gazette" says that the alleged bad behaviour of the lascars on the Oceania after the collision must be rigidly investigated.

A BOMB BY POST.

ESCAPE OF A JUDGE.

NEW YORK, March 18.

Judge Otto Rosalsky received through an internal machine, but a small particle of dirt had clogged the works, thus preventing an explosion and the certain death of the person opening the package.

A police inspector was immediately summoned to the court, when it accidentally exploded, and the inspector severely.

Judge Rosalsky recently sentenced a man named Brandt to 20 years' imprisonment in connection with an alleged burglary at the house of Mr. Schreif, millionaire.

Later Judge Rosalsky reversed his decision, and Brandt obtained his freedom, but the reason for the action of the Judge is not known.

SMALL CRIMINAL POLICY.

Referring to the new policy of small crimes Mr. Churchill stated that these vessels would be strong enough and fast enough to cope with destroyers.

While it was inconsiderately stipulated, they had to solve whether they would be able to peace in time to obtain supplies at reasonable price, and also without restriction in war time; further, whether they would be able to store a sufficient reserve safe-guarded from aeroplanes and sabotage.

HOMME DEFENSE.

We went on to announce the recasting of the Home defence. There would be three fleets, comprising eight battle squadrons of eight ships each with attendant anti-aircraft.

The fleet thus be able to assemble 65 battleships, to be used in connection with shipping through the Panama Canal.

BUSINESS DULL IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, March 18.

Business is reported to be in a state of stagnation in many parts of the United States that business in New York shows great expansion, but inactivity prevails in other centres.

This inactivity is said to be due to the "pre-election feeling."

THE PANAMA CANAL.

KINGSTON (Jamaica), March 18.

Some American capitalists had planned the construction of great docks and shipping facilities here, but abandoned them when informed that they could not be guaranteed against competition.

The docks were intended to be used in connection with shipping through the Panama Canal.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, March 18.

Mr. H. Fetherbert Wright (Unionist) has returned to the House of Commons opposed for North Hertfordshire, the seat having become vacant owing to the resignation of Mr. H. H. Asquith (Unionist).

The British Motor Cab Company has refused an allowance of £6 an hour to drivers while they are awaiting taxi-cabs, and drivers have struck.

Mr. Farrell, Lord Mayor of Dublin, is claiming arrears of salary, which was reduced from £2000 to £1600.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (Labour), organising a section of the railway district of the Associated Society of Railway Servants, explained in the House of Commons this evening that the executive of the society had resolved to foreclose on its mortgages of those members who had refused to come out during the recent railway strike, but that the resolution had since been rescinded.

After a four hours' siege at Castleford, Yorkshire, the police captured George Lumb, who had shot a doctor while he was attending his bedridden mother. Just prior to his capture Lumb also shot his mother.

BOSTON, March 19.

In addressing an Irish gathering on St. Patrick's Day President Taft praised the Irish for their adaptability in becoming American citizens. The Irishmen, he remarked, are deeply believed in the stability of American institutions.

ROME, March 19.

The steamer North Briton, bound from Sunderland to Sulina, has foundered, and 20 lives have been lost. Only one person was saved, and he has been landed at Spezia.

CALCUTTA, March 19.

Eva Mount Stephens, who was charged with having poisoned Miss Garnet Orms, under whose will she had been appointed, has been acquitted.

OMAHA (Nebraska), March 19.

Three convicts escaped from the penitentiary at Lincoln, and pursued them, and after maintaining a running fight for several miles killed two of the runaways. The third convict then surrendered. When the men first escaped the militia endeavoured to surround them, but they broke through the cordons of soldiers.

CHIHUAHUA (Mexico), March 19.

Two hundred federal troops surrendered near Roca. The rebel army is now endeavouring to reach Ojinaga.

The motion was carried.

TO-DAY.

Mr. Meloty's Theatre, "The Quaker Girl," 1.45 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Opera House, "The Merchant of Venice," 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Friday.

Adelphi Theatre, "The Night Before London," 7.30 p.m. Friday; "Vaucluse," 2.30 and 8 p.m. Saturday.

National Assembly, "Vivian Grey," 2.30 and 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Lyceum, "Spencer's Theatres," 2.30 and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Albion Theatre, "Vanderbilt," 2.30 and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Adelphi Theatre, "Moving Pictures," 11 to 11.30 p.m. Saturday.

Coliseum Theatre, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Regent Theatre, "The Merchant of Venice," 2 p.m. Saturday.

Royal Art Society's Exhibition, Vicker's Chambers, Strand, N.W. Amateurs' Championships, 8, 10, and 12 p.m. Saturday.

Tower Hall, "Oscar's Concert," 7 p.m. Saturday.

Two Hall, "Orpheus Recital," 8.15 p.m. Saturday.

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MINIMUM WAGE BILL.

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THE SEAMEN AND STRIKES.

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The seamen of Australasia have decided upon a course of action that should meet with the commendation of every section of the community.

They have decided that when a strike occurs in another port, the working of non-union cargo by members of the Seamen's Union will abide by the law.

The Sydney men claim that they have for all these months sent along their supplies to the Lithgow strikers, and the majority of the men are not receiving any clear compensation.

The Sydney men are hopeful that the Labour Council will open negotiations, and pointed out that the body to be chosen at the meeting of the Merchant Shipping Association by the award made in the Federal Arbitration Court.

THE AFTERNOON SHIFT.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

FRIENDLY CONFERENCE.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

At last the much-voiced question of the proposed abolition of the afternoon shift at the Newcastle and Maitland collieries seems to be on the way to a settlement.

A conference of proprietors and men held at the Masonic Hall to-day mutually agreed to the question of the proposed abolition of the afternoon shift being referred to the joint committee of employers to final stage.

Those proprietors who were most keenly opposed to the abolition of the shift will find satisfaction in the temporary appointment of Mr. John Brown to the joint committee.

Agreement to both sides appointing two extra representatives to the committee, to obtain treatment for them.

Both sides received no attention at all.

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